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Harvest Winding Down

Agricultural Summary

Harvest activities are winding down across the state as favorable weather conditions continued. Onion harvest is done, while dry bean, corn for silage, and hay third cutting harvest near completion with only minor acreage left to be harvested. For the week ending October 12, major agricultural activities included irrigating, caring for livestock, harvesting hay, dry beans, apples, potatoes, corn for silage and grain, onions, sugarbeets, and winter wheat seeding.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

County Extension Educators reported topsoil moisture to be 36% very short, 43% short, and 21% adequate. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.90 days suitable for fieldwork during the past week.

Field Crop Report

Recent rains in North Idaho have been beneficial for crop germination and growth. Winter wheat planting in North Idaho has progressed ahead of last year and the five year average, while emergence lags slightly behind normal. Above normal temperatures continued throughout the state this past week providing farmers excellent conditions for harvest and fall seeding. Idaho's apple harvest progressed to nearly half complete this past week, ahead of last year and the five year average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Ranchers continue to pregnancy check, wean, vaccinate and market livestock as they are moved to fall pastures. Range and pasture remain in mostly poor to fair condition.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2003	2002	Avg.
Dry Beans Harvested	99	99	96
Onions Harvested	100	98	86
Apples Harvested	47	41	45
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	96	91	89
Field Corn Harvested for Grain	22	4	15
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting Harvested	83	84	72

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Irr. Water Supply	19	19	34	27	1
Range & Pasture	11	49	36	4	0

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			Southcentral			East			State		
	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted	83	80	77	81	91	54	93	93	83	90	85	81	87	85	76
Emerged	10	17	17	61	70	26	63	66	40	48	38	51	34	36	32
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	94	97	86	87	82	69	88	69	73	88	74	73
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	10	10	9	20	18	26	32	14	30	20	16	24
Alfalfa Hay															
3 rd Cutting Harvested ..	NA	NA	NA	100	100	100	100	100	100	93	99	95	97	100	97

Avg (1998-2002); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, October 12, 2003 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40 Base	50 Base		Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of October	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D'Alene	79	30	52	-1	4146	2309	1851	0.04	-0.03	0.04	7.95	13.79
Grangeville	75	31	53	4	3904	2138	1458	0.30	-0.19	0.30	14.54	16.20
Lewiston	84	40	58	3	5263	3234	2773	0.07	-0.12	0.07	8.37	7.29
Sand Point 5/	75	32	--	--	3790	2018	1451	0.09	-0.34	0.09	13.81	15.08
Southwest												
Boise	85	39	59	5	5479	3480	2614	0.00	-0.15	0.00	5.07	6.22
Caldwell	82	32	60	5	5287	3263	2904	0.00	-0.14	0.00	2.27	5.24
Emmett	84	38	58	4	5177	3217	2593	0.01	-0.17	0.01	5.62	6.14
Mountain Home	84	30	58	4	5353	3417	2566	0.00	-0.13	0.00	4.73	5.17
Parma 5/	88	45	--	--	5348	3305	2428	0.00	-0.16	0.00	4.02	5.80
Weiser	86	46	64	12	5553	3489	2461	0.00	-0.17	0.00	5.24	5.20
Southcentral												
Buhl 5/	--	--	--	--	4731	2833	2110	0.00	-0.14	0.00	3.96	5.27
Burley	79	26	54	3	4229	2418	1988	0.00	-0.11	0.01	6.19	5.52
Hill City	78	14	49	1	3455	1861	1312	0.00	-0.17	0.10	4.82	6.11
Hagerman 5/	--	--	--	--	5207	3182	2679	0.00	-0.08	0.00	3.64	4.71
Malta	84	25	57	7	4504	2642	1827	0.03	-0.02	0.03	5.64	6.10
Twin Falls	80	26	56	5	4362	2537	1885	0.00	-0.13	0.63	10.15	5.69
East												
Aberdeen 5/	80	34	--	--	3801	2097	1600	0.00	-0.15	0.00	3.28	5.90
Grace 5/	70	18	--	--	3824	2181	1410	0.00	-0.27	0.00	5.19	10.17
Idaho Falls	76	20	52	4	3770	2058	1708	0.00	-0.19	0.00	4.10	6.95
Malad City	84	21	54	4	4260	2484	1876	0.00	-0.26	0.00	5.22	9.21
Pocatello	79	19	54	3	4218	2462	1976	0.00	-0.19	0.00	4.07	7.33
Rexburg	75	24	54	6	3822	2098	1576	0.07	-0.14	0.08	4.30	8.67
Salmon	79	23	54	5	3982	2212	1720	0.00	-0.21	0.00	0.67	7.32

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/-- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.

Daily High/Low Four Inch Soil Temperatures

Station	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Average ^{1/}	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Emmett	77	67	77	68	74	67	76	67	72	62	69	59	63	58	73	64
Parma	65	64	64	63	63	63	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	64	63
Sandpoint	61	54	62	53	59	53	--	--	53	48	--	--	--	--	59	52
Twin Falls	72	55	71	57	62	52	66	53	62	48	53	43	53	41	63	50

1/ Averages are only for days reports were received. -- Missing or Incomplete Data.